

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 12, 17, 23, 36, and 41-46 are pending in the present application.

Claims 10, 12, and 17 have been allowed. Claims 3, 4, 43, and 46 have been objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 4, 23, 36, 43, and 46 have been canceled. New claims 47-48 have been added.

The present amendment is not an admission as to the validity of the prior art rejections, but is merely an attempt to rewrite allowable claims in independent form. The rejected claims will be pursued in related applications.

Following is a summary of the amended and new claims.

Allowable claim 4 has been rewritten as amended claim 1.

Allowable claim 3 has been rewritten as new claim 47.

Allowable claim 43 has been rewritten as amended claim 41.

Allowable claim 46 has been rewritten as amended claim 44.


It is respectfully submitted that all claims are patentable over the prior art. It is further more respectfully submitted that all other matters have been addressed and remedied and that the application is in form for allowance. Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Bruce A. Johnson, Applicants' Attorney at 512-301-9900 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to deposit

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